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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : SPROAT, Martin
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 30, 2009

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir,

In response to the further and final Office Action mailed April 30, 2009, the applicant makes the following submission: